

1862

John Tyler, 10th Pres. of the U.S.,
later served as a member of
the Confederate House of
Representatives for a brief period
before he died in 1862.

He's been the only President
to renounce the Union.

Sept 17, 1862

Union forces hurled back a
Confederate invasion of Maryland
in the Civil War Battle of
Antietam.

1862

Stonewall Jackson marched
through Frederick, Maryland
in 1862

Barbara Fritchie was 95
yrs old and bedridden

Aug 30, 1862

Union forces were defeated by the
Confederates at the 2nd Battle of
Bull Run.

MAR 1862

Lee's 1st field command was in western part of Va, where he failed to hold back invading Union forces in an area of strong pro-Union sentiment. He was recalled to Richmond & from MAR 1862, he was military advisor to Pres. Davis. From this position he was able to influence some operations notably

those of Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson
in his Shenandoah Valley campaign

May 31, 1862

Robert E. Lee

When Gen. Joseph E. Johnston was wounded at the Battle of 7 Pines on May 31, 1862, Lee took command of what became the Army of Northern Virginia.

He successfully repulsed the efforts of Union General George McClellan in the Peninsula campaign, concluding with the

Battle of Seven Days: Oak Grove, Mechanicsville,
Saunders' Mill, Barnett's & Boldridge Farms,
Savage's Station and Allen's Farm, White
Oak Swamp, and Malvern Hill. Victories
were won through Lee's aggressiveness &
daring in the face of McClellan's
terrificity rather than any comprehensive
generalship on Lee's part.

Sept 17, 1862

Antietam: The bloodiest day
Two armies clashed in battle
that cost more American lives
than any other day in any
war, before or since;
a total of 25,000 dead and
wounded.

Aug 29-30, 1862

Robert E. Lee

On Aug 29-30, Gen. Lee defeated Gen John
Pope in the 2nd Battle of Bull Run
(Manassas) but when he invaded
Maryland he was checked.

Sept. 17, 1862

Robert E. Lee

When Lee invaded Maryland, he was checked on Sept 17, 1862 by Union forces under McClellan at Antietam. Here, even after the bloodiest day of the entire war, Lee held on and was willing to fight on the same field another day.

Dec 13, 1862

Robert E. Lee

on Dec. 13, 1862, Lee defeated Gen
Ambrose Burnside at Fredericksburg

April 6, 1862

A bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia became law.

July 4, 1862

English mathematician Charles L. Dodgson ("Lewis Carroll") began unraveling the story of Alice in Wonderland for his young friend Alice Pleasance Liddell during a boating trip.

May 5, 1862

CINCO de MAYO

Commemorates the defeat of the French Army by the Mexicans at the Battle of Puebla, while primarily a regional celebration in Mexico.

The Battle of Puebla occurred during a chaotic time in Mexican history. Mexico had gained independence from Spain in 1810 and a number of conflicts including Mex/Amer War and Mexican Civil war of 1858 had annihilated the nation's

economy. During this time, Mexico had accumulated debt to France, Spain, and England; France demanded payment, Mexico stopped making payment and France decided to invade the country and establish its own leadership there. As the French marched across the country they encountered Mexican resistance at Puebla, lead by Gen Ignacio Zaragoza Seguín and a small militia of about 4,500 men. They defeated a larger, better equipped French Army.